



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 2356.0014-09

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Luc MONTAGNIER et al.

Serial No. 08/470,489

Filed: June 6, 1995

For: RETROVIRUS CAPABLE OF
CAUSING AIDS, MEANS AND
METHOD FOR DETECTING IT
IN VITRO

Group Art Unit: 1648

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 19

In response to the April 29, 1998, Office Action (Paper No. 19), for which the period for response has been extended by filing a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time concurrently herewith, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

72. (Amended) A method of detecting HIV-2 retrovirus nucleic acid in a biological sample, said method comprising:

a) contacting said sample with [a] an HIV-2 specific probe under hybridization conditions selected from the group consisting of hybridization conditions of